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Mr. Richard H. Davis
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dick:

I enclose a self-explanatory letter I have received from Jim Donovan, a New York lawyer who, as you probably knew, was designated by the court to defend Abel. I have known Jim for many years and I have found him both competent and reliable.

As you will see, my reply to him was entirely noncommittal.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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